

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A fuel pump comprising an electric motor which has a commutator having a plurality of laminates (17) and carbon brushes (11) which slide over the laminates, and which has coils which are electrically connected to individual laminates and are arranged in slots in an armature, characterized in that: (a) the carbon brushes (11) and the laminates (7) have identical trapezoidal sections and the brushes (11) are axially prestressed on a disk-like commutator (9) and are positioned with the narrow end of the trapezoid adjacent to a shaft (12) of the electric motor (2) ~~a plurality of laminates (17) are covered by one carbon brush (11) in each case in each rotary position of the commutator (9) in relation to the carbon brushes (11).~~
2. (previously presented) The fuel pump as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that each of the carbon brushes (11) is as wide as two laminates (17) plus a single insulation layer (18) between the laminates (17).
3. (canceled)
4. (previously presented) The fuel pump as defined in claim 1, wherein the carbon brush (11) for operating the electric motor (2) at 42 volts has a resistivity of 300 to 400 $\mu\Omega$.
5. (canceled)